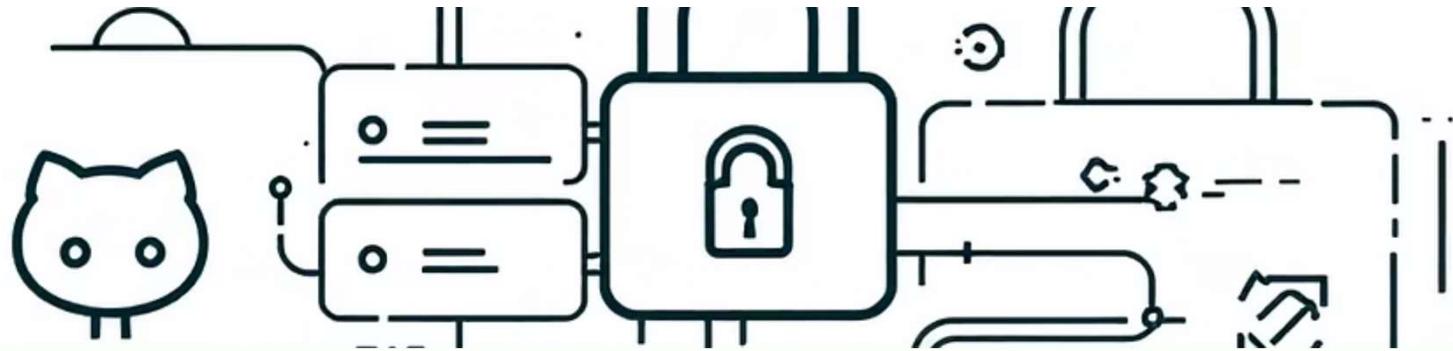


Docker Login Using GitHub Secrets

Secure authentication and deployment strategies for containerized applications



Docker Login Using GitHub Secrets

```
- name: Login to Docker Hub
  uses: docker/login-action@v3
  with:
    username: ${{ secrets.DOCKER_USERNAME }}
    password: ${{ secrets.DOCKER_PASSWORD }}
```

Security Explanation

- Secrets are encrypted
- Not visible in logs
- Scoped to repository

GitHub Secrets: Best Practices

Use secrets for:

- Registry credentials
- Tokens
- API keys

Never:

- Hardcode passwords
- Echo secrets in logs
- Commit .env files

Docker Build & Push Step

```
- name: Build and Push Image
  uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
  with:
    context: .
    push: true
    tags: vishwacloudlab/python-app:latest
```

Explanation

context → build directory

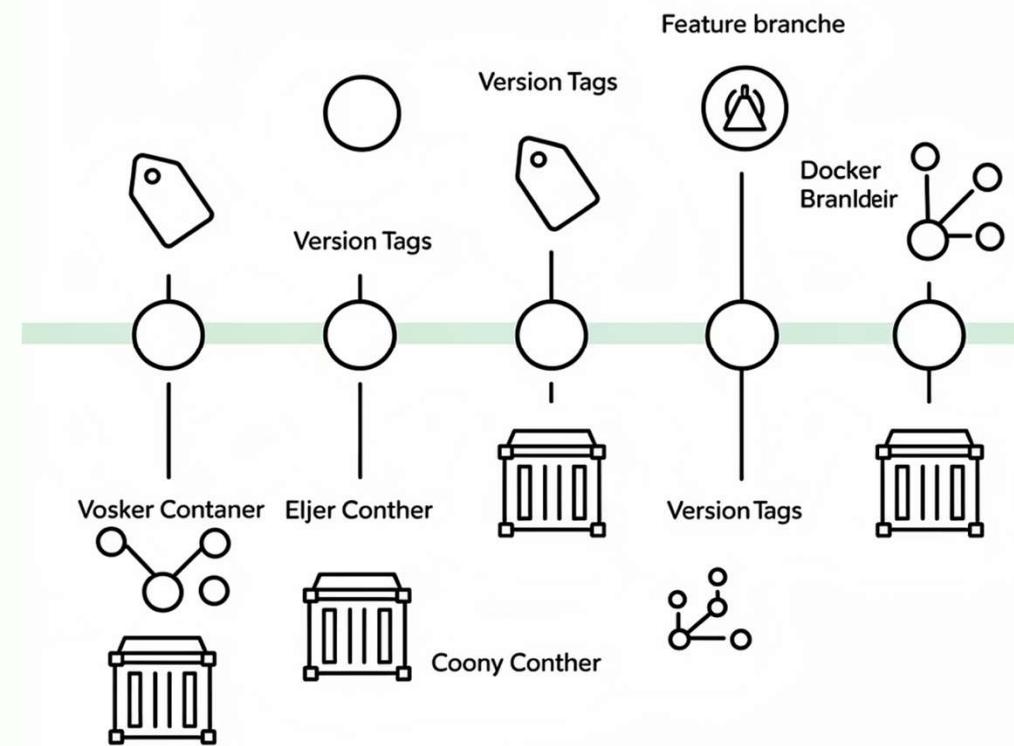
push: true → sends image to registry

tags → image naming

Versioning Images Using Git Tags

Why Version Images?

- Rollback support
- Traceability
- Release consistency



Git Tag-Based Workflow Trigger

```
on:  
  push:  
    tags:  
      - 'v*.*.*'
```

Example Tags

- V1.0.0
- V1.2.3

Using Git Tag as Image Version

```
tags: |  
vishwacloudlab/python-app:${{ github.ref_name }}
```

Result

```
vishwacloudlab/python-app:v1.0.0
```

◆ Enterprise Best Practice:

Image version = Git tag = Release version

Full CI Workflow (Consolidated)

```
name: Docker Release
on:
  push:
    tags:
      - 'v*.*.*'
  jobs:
    release:
      runs-on: ubuntu-latest
      steps:
        - uses: actions/checkout@v4
        - uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v3
        - uses: docker/login-action@v3
      with:
        username: ${{ secrets.DOCKER_USERNAME }}
        password: ${{ secrets.DOCKER_PASSWORD }}
        - uses: docker/build-push-action@v5
      with:
        push: true
        tags: vishwacloudlab/python-app:${{ github.ref_name }}
```

Basic Release Strategies

1

Latest Only

- Always overwrite latest
- ✗ No rollback

2

Versioned Releases

- v1.0.0, v1.0.1
- ✓ Safe rollback

3

Environment-Based Tags

- dev, qa, prod
- Common in enterprises

Release Strategy Mapping

Strategy	Tag Example	Use Case
Latest	latest	Dev testing
Semantic	v1.2.0	Production
Env	prod	Environment deploy

Common Mistakes & Fixes

Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Hardcoded credentials	Use GitHub Secrets
No versioning	Use Git tags
Large images	Slim base images
No rollback	Versioned tags

CI/CD Security Best Practices

- Least-privilege secrets
- Rotate credentials
- Scan images (Trivy, Snyk)
- Use protected branches
- Enforce PR checks